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Mill Road Bridge memories – 1960

MILL Road Railway Bridge was built in 1889 and Percy North, the well-known chiropodist, remembers playing under the bridge arches when they were being constructed. There was a level crossing over the railway then but it was not much used because there was hardly any traffic. There was nothing beyond, Great Eastern Street and Argyle Street were just ballast pits for the railway and the only house was a large one where the Broadway stands today, he recalls.

Wily porkers on the run and Holmes mystery research

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Run-down Croxton - 1986

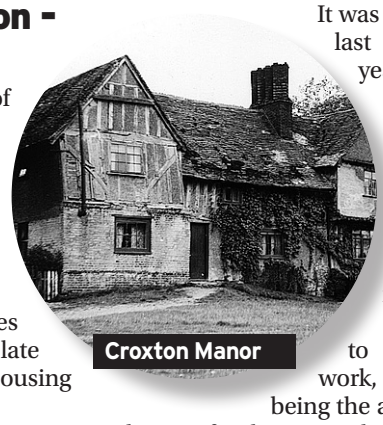
The run-down village of Croxton could be restored under a joint scheme by Chris Curry, founder of Acorn Computers, who bought the hall and village in 1984 and Sindall the builders.

Most of the properties were constructed in the late 18th century as low-cost housing for estate workers.

Now fourteen would be renovated and just two which are beyond economic repair demolished.

There would also be new homes together with a village hall and green to bring back a sense of community.

But a parish meeting has rejected the idea of more houses in the centre.


Croxton Manor

Mountbatten at Waterbeach – 1976

Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, dropped in at the Burma Star Day at Waterbeach Barracks.

His aim was to see for himself how, in just five years, "a bunch of amateurs" had managed to turn a small military tattoo into one of the biggest displays of its kind in the country.

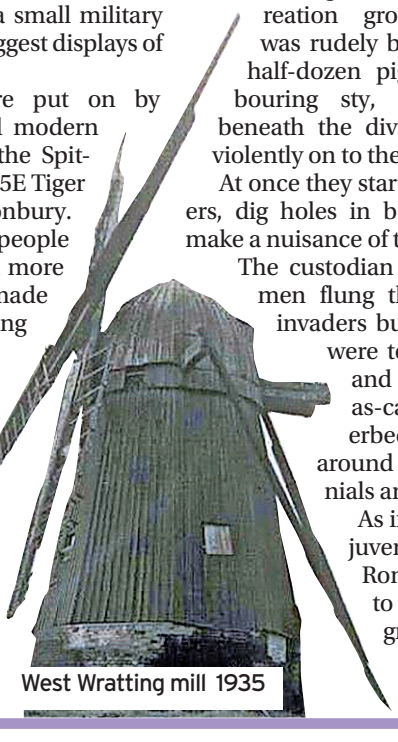
Flying displays were put on by numerous veteran and modern aircraft, ranging from the Spitfire to the USAF's new F5E Tiger II fighters, based at Alconbury.

A record 50,000 people attended the show and more than £6,000 profit was made for six charities catering for ex-servicemen.

Battle of Britain Air Show, Waterbeach, 1956

Poor old mill –1962

West Wratting windmill was in a bad state of repair until restored recently by Miss V.Z. Pompei with the advice of Rex Wailes.


West Wratting mill 1935

It was built in 1726 and last in use some 30 years ago.

Much of the wooden fabric was renewed and, where the mill had sunk badly on one side, it was corrected.

It took two years to complete the work, a big hold-up being the acquiring of pitch pine for the new sails.

The windows were renewed and the old wooden cap replaced by one of aluminium.

The smock mill, which is unusually small for its type, is now used as a home for garden equipment.

Second robbery at church – 1928

The verger of the parish church at Warboys found that six brass candlesticks and six brass vases were missing from the altar.

The candles had been removed and laid on the Communion table.

Entry had been obtained by prising open a leaded window at the south end of the church. This is the second time within 14 months that this church has been broken into.

Vinery pigs burst - 1928

The quietude and peace of Sunday evening on the Vinery Road recreation ground, Cambridge, was rudely broken when some half-dozen pigs from a neighbouring sty, having burrowed beneath the dividing fence, burst violently on to the ground.

At once they started to uproot flowers, dig holes in beds and generally make a nuisance of themselves.

The custodian and several other men flung themselves on the invaders but the wily porkers were too much for them and a game of catch-as-catch-can over flowerbeds and paths, around clumps of perennials and bushes began.

As if by magic, half the juvenile population of Romsey Town began to drift on to the ground.

After half an hour's strenuous